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CZECH COMMUNIST PARTY REORGANIZED

On 6 September 1951, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia met under the chairmanship of Antonin Zapotocky.

President Klement Gottwald, warmly welcomed by the Central Committee, spoke on certain organizational and personal changes in the leading organs of the party. Gottwald presented the following proposals in the name of the presidium of the party:

1. Rudolf Slansky, who has so far been the secretary general of the party, will take over another important public office.

The position of secretary general of the party will not be occupied. The responsibilities of this office will be taken over by the Chairman of the party.

2. The system of deputies of the secretary general of the party will be abolished, and six secretaries of the Central Committee will be chosen.

3. The two vacant positions in the presidium of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia will be filled by two new members, Karol Bacilek and Dr Alexej Cepicka. The new composition of the Central Committee will be as follows:

Klement Gottwald, Antonin Zapotocky, Viliam Siroky, Rudolf Slansky, Dr Jaromir Dolansky, Karol Bacilek, Dr Alexej Cepicka, Gustav Bares, Stefan Bastovansky, Vaclav David, Julius Duris, Evzen Erban, Zdenek Fierlinger, Josef Frank, Engr Ludmila Jankovcova, Dr Oldrich John, Augustin Kliment, Vaclav Kopecky, Ladislav Koprivka, Josef Krosnar, Dr Zdenek Nejedly, and Vaclav Nosek.

4. A political secretariat of the Central Committee of the party will be formed to carry out the policies of the party on a daily basis. This secretariat will consist of Comrades Gottwald, Zapotocky, Siroky, Slansky, Dolansky, Bacilek and Cepicka.

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5. The following comrades are chosen to be secretaries of the Central Committee: Antonin Novotny, Frank, Bares, David, Hendrych, Bastovansky. Frank was formerly the directing secretary for Prague Kraj.

The chairman of the party and those chosen to be secretaries of the Central Committee of the Communist Party comprise the organizational secretariat of the Central Committee.

The proposals made by Comrade Gottwald were approved unanimously.

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